

MONTGOMERY'S NEWEST HOTEL

The Whitley

156 Rooms

CIRCULATING ICE WATER

119 Baths
Tub & Showers

PROPERTY
N. J. BELL ESTATE

MONTGOMERY, ALA.

A. B. CANSLER, MGR

October 1, 1924.

Dear Margaret:

Your letter came just as I was starting with Dr. & Mrs. Smillie and Baby house for Montgomery. Dr. Heiser wired to me suggesting that I visit the Industrial Hygiene work at Birmingham. I expect to leave for that city to-morrow.

Alabama is much finer than your description of New York. At Andalusia I had a large bed-room with open fireplace, spotlessly clean, and a dressing room and a bathroom connected with it. Across the street was

(over)



a boarding house where ~~you~~ I
received good meals, with the
company of a boy of school-
teachers and two young doctors,
for \$1.25 per day. Soda-fountain
drinks are still five cents
each down there and the
school buildings are fine with
big grounds. The people have
real Southern pride. The nice
lady who rented me my fine
room explained that she gave
the money to the church, and
the lady who gave me board
told me how she happened
to take in a few boarders
to swell the household to a
convenient size. They are nice
people. There was an extra empty bed
at the in the room. They suggested
that I bring the family next time.

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Your letter has not increased
my love for New York. If I had
picked out the flat I would
not dare to come home. As
it is I feel more and
more like buying a steamer
ticket and deferring the
agony of finding a home and
cleaning it up, and then
spending ^{wasting} one third of one's
usable daytime in trains
or underground tunnels.



Dr. Duillie lived
near Princeton when
he was stationed in New York.
He liked it there.

(over)

I have no more faith
in short-cut methods of removing
bed-bugs than you have. There
ought to be bed-bug specialists
in New York to fumigate flats
that are infested. It ought not
to take much sulphur ~~to~~ in
such small closed spaces to
make the bed-bugs cough
themselves to death. But what
would the family do in the
meantime? Anyway, you have
the piano and victrola and
"Old Black Joe" to gladden the
occasion, and there will be
enough people in each bed
to keep them all warm this
winter. And it will take only
three quarters of an hour to go
to the office through the mole burrow,

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and we may get sent to Japan
in January. Everyone I have
heard express an opinion, would
like to go to Japan. Just
think of reefs on a clean
ship and after that —
cherry blossoms.

Answer me one question.
Why do things cost ^{about twice} ~~three times~~
as much in New York as here?

Enclosed are three

vaccination certificates. If they
will not do, I will
try again after getting
home. Even a flet with
B. B's is HOME if you
are there, Old Southeast

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You and Freda will have
to ~~trip~~ ^{trip} around a bit while
the rest of us ~~guard~~ take
care of the flat. I can
still boil eggs, and fry
French toast; and you will need
a vacation from the flat.

We are having a
northerly wind + cold weather.
It must be quite chilly in N.Y.,
but then, these flats are said
to be always overheated!

Did you know that the
black belt of Alabama was
named after the color of the soil? We
crossed it this afternoon.
Also did you know that your
New Home sewing machine was
named after the American ^{of the sewing machine,} inventor
Elias Howe?

Good Night Sweetest,

Wilbur.

P.S. Did you know that "Sugar" was outrivalling
"Honey" as a term of endearment. It may be "Sacharum" next.